

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, from line 2 to line 4, as follows:

This patent application is a continuation-in-part of prior co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/334,560, filed December 30, 2002, which has since issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,688,902, on February 10, 2004, and which is commonly owned.

Please amend the paragraph extending from line 24 of page 5 to line 8 of page 6, as follows:

In an embodiment of the present invention which is disclosed in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/334,560, filed December 30, 2002, which has since issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,688,902, on February 10, 2004, the camming mechanism includes a slide having a series of camming surfaces which can cooperate with a corresponding series of follower surfaces associated with a pin holder. Longitudinal movement of the slide causes the cooperating camming and follower surfaces to spread open card edge receiving portions of the slot of the electrical connector. This then allows the appropriate portions of the circuit card (i.e., the card edge and pads of a PCI adapter card) to enter the slot substantially free of frictional engagement with the slot and the pins of the electrical connector. The slide is then

returned to its initial position to cause the spread open portions of the electrical connector to close down over the portions of the circuit card which are to be engaged, establishing desired electrical connections and frictionally engaging the circuit card within the slot of the electrical connector.